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1. BELOW IS STATUS OF U.S. AGENCY CONSIDERATION OF
INDIAN PROPOSALS AS WE KNOW THEM THUS FAR, AS WELL AS U.S.
PROPOSALS IN PRIORITY AREAS FOR S&T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING.
WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO MATERIALS RESULTING FROM DEC 20
DEHLI MEETING PER REFTEL A, BUT DUE TO TIME FACTOR WOULD
LIKE CABLE SUMMARY. WE ARE ALSO EXPECTING INPUT FROM
ADDITIONAL U.S. AGENCIES IN NEXT FEW DAYS. THUS FAR
THERE APPEARS PRETTY GOOD COINCIDENCE OF INTEREST IN MOST
OF SEVENTEEN AREAS CITED UNDER AGENDA IN REFTEL A. THESE
BEEFED UP AS NEEDED WITH FURTHER REFINEMENT PLUS SAME
ADDITIONAL U.S. PROPOSALS WILL GIVE WE BELIEVE SUFFICIENT
SUBSTANCE TO PRIORITY AREA ITEM OF AGENDA.

2. COMMENTS KEYED TO PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM 3 REFTEL A:
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AGRICULTURE - USDA AGREES TO COOPERATION IN (A) AND (B).
IT PROPOSES RESEARCH IN ADDITIONAL AREAS:

1. REDUCED LOSSES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
2. POST-HARVEST TECHNOLOGY

ENERGY - U.S. REVIEW STILL UNDERWAY. NSF PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN (A) AND (B). AWAITING DOCUMENTATION ON (C) AND (D).

SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION - NSF PREPARED TO FACILITATE, WHICH WOULD COVER (A), (B) AND (C).

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES - AWAITING DOCUMENTATION ON (A). EPA PROPOSES ADDITIONAL AREAS:

1. USE AND DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTES, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
2. FATE OF TRACE METALS IN MARINE AND ESTUARINE ENVIRONMENTS
3. PESTICIDES - RESIDUES AND EFFECTS IN WATER, FOOD AND FEED

HEALTH - HEW PROPOSES MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH IN FOLLOWING:

1. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, EMPHASIS ON TUBERCULOSIS, LEPROSY, IMMUNOPROPHYLAZIS IN PARASITIC DISEASES
2. REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY AND FAMILY PLANNING (IN COOPERATION WITH FORD FOUNDATION)
3. NON-COMMUNICABLE, METABOLIC, AND DEGENERATIVE DISEASES - EMPHASIS ON NUTRITION, C-V DISEASE, NEUROPSYCHIATRIC, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE
4. HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS - EMPHASIS ON HEALTH SERVICES AND REHABILITATION. ALSO EMPLOYABILITY AND WORK ADJUSTMENT FOR DISABLED.
5. TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH - EMPHASIS ON MICOTOXINS AND NEUROTOXINS.

INDIAN PROPOSALS (A), (B), AND (C) LARGELY COVERED UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ABOVE HEADINGS.

ELECTRONICS - AWAITING FURTHER DOCUMENTATION. NSF INDICATES INTEREST IN (A) AND (B).

REMOTE SENSING - NASA AND INDIANS HAVE AGREED ON COOPERATION. RATHER THAN SEPARATE PRIORITY AREA, WE UNDERSTAND THIS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER "ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES" AS FULL TITLE OF THAT PRIORITY AREA.

ASTRONOMY - WE DO NOT BELIEVE AT THIS POINT NEW PRIORITY AREAS SHOULD BE INTRODUCED UNTIL FURTHER CONCRETE EFFORT UNDERWAY IN PRESENT PRIORITIES. FURTHERMORE WE HAVE

DOUBTS THIS QUALIFIES AS PRIORITY. BELIEVE FOR PRESENT
AT LEAST SHOULD FALL UNDER OTHER COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES
(SEE PARA. 3 BELOW).

3. WE WILL WISH TO INTRODUCE SOME OTHER PROPOSALS OR
AREAS FOR COOPERATION, WHICH, WHILE NOT WITHIN AREAS
OF PRIORITY, NEVERTHELESS ARE OF HIGH INTEREST TO U.S.
SIDE. THESE WOULD INCLUDE AMONG OTHERS AS EXAMPLE, NBS
INTEREST IN METROLOGY AND INNOVATIVE RESIDENTIAL WIRING.
THESE WOULD BE COVERED UNDER ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM WE
INTEND TO PROPOSE. ASTRONOMY COULD BE INCLUDED HERE.

4. COPIES OF BACK-UP MATERIALS FOR COMMENTS IN PARA 2 &
3 ARE BEING POUCHED TO SCICOUNS AND WILL ALSO POUCH OTHER
MATERIALS AS BECOME AVAILABLE. INDIAN SCICOUNS HAS BEEN
GIVEN COPIES OF MATERIAL RELEVANT TO PRIORITY INTEREST.

5. WE WILL COMMENT ON AGENDA PER SE BY FURTHER CABLE.
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